

EATON CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CUTLER ALEXANDER M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EATON CENTER, 1111 SUPERIOR AVE.

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EATON CORP [ETN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/24/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 9,166 A \$ 0  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/24/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 3,846 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 52.09   | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/27/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,772 A \$ 17.325   | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/27/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 1,908 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 52.398  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/27/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 475,538 A \$ 29.535   | D  |   |

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|               |            |   |         |   |                 |                   |   |                   |
|---------------|------------|---|---------|---|-----------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Common Shares | 02/27/2012 | S | 505,090 | D | \$ 52.05<br>(3) | 470,038           | D |                   |
| Common Shares |            |   |         |   |                 | 2,000             | I | by son            |
| Common Shares |            |   |         |   |                 | 37,028.499<br>(4) | I | by trustee of ESP |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |               |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title         | Amount Number Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 02/24/2012                           |  | M                              | 9,166   | (5)  | (5)   | Common Shares | 9,166                |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 17.325  | 02/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,772   | 02/25/2004   | 02/25/2013  | Common Shares | 5,772                |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.535  | 02/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 475,538   | 02/24/2005   | 02/24/2014  | Common Shares | 475,538              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| CUTLER ALEXANDER M<br>EATON CENTER<br>1111 SUPERIOR AVE.<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Kathleen S. O'Connor, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/28/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These shares were delivered to the issuer to pay for the applicable withholding tax due upon vesting of certain restricted stock units.

(2) These shares were delivered to the issuer to pay for the applicable option exercise price.

Price reported constitutes the average weighted price of shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$51.82 - \$52.39.

(3) The reporting person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) These shares are held in the Eaton Savings Plan.

(5) This field is not applicable.

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